

Memorandum

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Subject : **EL SEGUNDO POWER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT STATUS
REPORT #6**

Since the Committee issued its 1st Pre-Hearing Conference Order on November 15th, staff has worked with the applicant, intervenors and other interested parties to resolve remaining issues where possible. Staff has scheduled a workshop for December 18th to address the remaining Visual Resources and Aquatic Biological Resources issues.

Staff has worked diligently toward completion of the Committee's Request for compilation of all Agreed-to-Conditions of Certification and will publish them on schedule. The issues that remain are discussed below.

AIR QUALITY

Staff is working with the air district to resolve the sole remaining issue and is preparing a Condition of Certification to address the quantity of Priority Reserve and Community Bank offsets to be provided by SCAQMD.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The issues concerning the aquatic biological impacts and the need for a 316(b)-like study remain unresolved. Consequently, staff lacks information essential to completing an analysis, and staff continues to believe that the results of a 316(b) study are still necessary to appropriately evaluate the project's impacts as has been done in all other coastal plant reviews that have come before the Commission.

Staff has reviewed the applicant's proposed biological conditions and has serious concerns with them. This issue will be discussed further at the December 18th workshop.

Staff is continuing discussions internally and with the National Marine Fisheries, California Coastal Commission and the California Department of Fish and Game to determine if there are any alternate solutions to the issues.

VISUAL RESOURCES

There are a number of visual resource issues outstanding. Staff anticipates that these visual resource issues will be further addressed at the workshop on December 18th.

SCHEDULE

Staff has no conflicts with the schedule shown in the Committee's Order.

COMMUNITY AND AGENCY INTEREST: The ESPR project is being closely followed by the beach communities of El Segundo and Manhattan Beach. About 20 members of local neighborhoods have attended the public workshops held in the past.

cc: El Segundo Proof of Service